

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A personal floatation device including a buoyant foam member fitting over a wearer's shoulders and beneath the wearer's arms to fit over the majority of the front and rear of the wearer's upper torso, the buoyant foam member directly supporting the wearer's upper torso to maintain the wearer's head above water, the buoyant form member comprising a one-piece, initially flat, member folded to fit over the wearer's shoulders and around the wearer's sides beneath the wearer's arms and constrained in a folded configuration to fit the wearer's upper torso.
2. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 1 wherein the buoyant foam member is constrained by an outer garment formed by inner and outer fabric layers surrounding the buoyant foam member.
3. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 2 wherein the inner and outer fabric layers are formed of material having a greater elasticity than natural textile fibers.
4. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 3 wherein the buoyant foam member is fixed in place between the inner and outer fabric layers.
5. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 2 wherein the outer garment completely surrounds the upper torso of its wearer and is donned by insertion of the wearer's head, neck and arms through openings in the outer garment and gaps in the foam member.
6. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 1 wherein the buoyant foam member has a solid back portion, which fits over a wearer's front torso with protrusions extending around the wearer's torso the ends of these protrusions being spaced apart on a wearer's back torso.
7. (Original) The personal floatation device of claim 1 wherein the openings for a wearer's arms are formed between edges of protrusions on the buoyant foam member when in a folded configuration.